

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Defense Authorization bills.

The House passed H.R. 4811, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6585–S6765

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2859–2869, and S. Res. 335. **Pages S6677–78**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 208, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–343) **Page S6677**

Measures Passed:

National Defense Authorization: By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 179), Senate passed H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2549, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6591–98**

Rejected:

Feingold Amendment No. 3759, to terminate production under the D5 submarine-launched ballistic missile program. (By 81 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 177), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S6591**

Durbin Amendment No. 3732, to provide for operationally realistic testing of National Missile Defense systems against countermeasures; and to establish an independent panel to review the testing. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 178), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6591–93**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair

was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Warner, Thurmond, McCain, Smith (of NH), Inhofe, Santorum, Snowe, Roberts, Allard, Hutchinson, Sessions, Levin, Kennedy, Bingaman, Byrd, Robb, Lieberman, Cleland, Landrieu, and Reed. **Page S6598**

Subsequently, S. 2549 was placed back on the Senate calendar. **Page S6598**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate passed S. 2550, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division A of S. 2549, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Page S6598**

Military Construction Authorization: Senate passed S. 2551, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military construction, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division B of S. 2549, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Page S6598**

Department of Energy Defense Activities Authorization: Senate passed S. 2552, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division C of S. 2549, National Defense Authorization, as amended. **Page S6598**

Pursuant to a modified unanimous-consent agreement reached on July 12, 2000, with respect to further consideration of S. 2550, S. 2551, and S. 2552 (all listed above as passed by the Senate), that if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives with regard to any of these bills, that the Senate be deemed to have disagreed to the amendment(s) to the Senate-passed bill, that the Senate request or agree to a conference with the House

thereon, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mexico Democratic Election: Senate agreed to S. Res. 335, congratulating the people of Mexico on the occasion of the democratic elections held in that country.

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Pope John Paul II Congressional Gold Medal Act: Senate passed H.R. 3544, to authorize a gold medal to be presented on behalf of the Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his many and enduring contributions to peace and religious understanding, clearing the measure for the President.

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President Ronald Reagan/Nancy Reagan Gold Medal Act: Senate passed H.R. 3591, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation, clearing the measure for the President.

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Death Tax Elimination Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6586–91, S6600–69

Adopted:

By 98 yeas to 1 nays (Vote No. 181), Hatch Amendment No. 3823, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a permanent extension of the credit for increasing research activities.

Pages S6601–13, S6616

By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 185), Roth Amendment No. 3829, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.

Pages S6631–33, S6643

Grassley Amendment No. 3834, to provide tax relief for farmers.

Pages S6636–39, S6643–44

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 188), Grams/Abraham Amendment No. 3836, to repeal the increase in tax on Social Security benefits.

Pages S6640–42, S6836

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 180), Moynihan Amendment No. 3821, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction.

Pages S6586–91, S6600–10

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 182), Schumer Amendment No. 3822, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to make higher education more af-

fordable, to provide incentives for advanced teacher certification.

Pages S6613–17

Pending:

Kerry Amendment No. 3839, to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

Pages S6646–48

Santorum Amendment No. 3838, to provide for the designation of renewal communities and to provide tax incentives relating to such communities, to provide a tax credit to taxpayers investing in entities seeking to provide capital to create new markets in low-income communities, and to provide for the establishment of Individual Development Accounts.

Pages S6648–51

Dodd Amendment No. 3837, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to increase, expand, and simplify the child and dependent care tax credit, to expand the adoption credit for special needs children, to provide incentives for employer-provided child care.

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Roth Amendment No. 3841, to provide for pension reform by creating tax incentives for savings.

Pages S6655–56

Harkin Amendment No. 3840, to protect and provide resources for the Social Security System, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the “motherhood penalty”, increase the widow’s and widower’s benefit and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction.

Pages S6656–59

Gramm (for Lott) Amendment No. 3842, to provide tax relief by providing modifications to education individual retirement accounts.

Pages S6659–60

Bayh Amendment No. 3843, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction and provide a long-term care credit.

Pages S6660–62

Feingold Amendment No. 3844, to preserve budget surplus funds so that they might be available to extend the life of Social Security and Medicare.

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Roth (for Lott) motion to commit to Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 183), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget

Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Abraham Amendment No. 3827, to provide for a temporary reduction in Federal highway fuel taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, and special fuels to zero. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311(a)(2)(b) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6617–27**

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 184), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Bingaman Amendment No. 3828, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction and expand education initiatives. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6627–31, S6642**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 186), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Graham Amendment No. 3824, to provide additional budget resources for a Medicare prescription drug benefit program. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6633–36, S6643**

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 187), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of Baucus/Kerrey Amendment No. 3835, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit exemption and the qualified family-owned business interest deduction, to provide a refundable credit to certain individuals for elective deferrals and IRA contributions, and to provide an incentive to small businesses to establish and maintain qualified pension plans, and to amend the Social Security Act to provide each American child with a KidSave Account. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6639–40, S6644**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments, on Friday, July 14, 2000, with votes to occur thereon. **Pages S6644–46**

Reconciliation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 4810, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Friday, July 14, 2000, with votes on certain amendments, to occur at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2000. **Page S6645**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Treaty with Cyprus on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 106–35).

Treaty with South Africa on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 106–36).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and were ordered to be printed. **Page S6764**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Judith A. Winston, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Education.

Bonnie Prouty Castrey, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2005.

Arthenia L. Joyner, of Florida, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of one year. (New Position)

John E. McLaughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. **Page S6765**

Messages From the House: **Page S6675**

Measures Referred: **Page S6675**

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Authority for Committees: **Page S6761**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6673–75**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S6761**

Record Votes: Twelve record votes were taken today. (Total—188) **Pages S6591, S6593, S6598, S6609–10, S6616–17, S6627, S6642–44**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 8:31 a.m., and adjourned at 10:34 p.m., until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6764.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2107, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, with an amendment;

S. 2101, to promote international monetary stability and to share seigniorage with officially dollarized countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2266, to provide for the minting of commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the programs of the United States Olympic Committee, with an amendment;

S. 2453, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Pope John Paul II in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to humanity; and

S. 2459, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1925, to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2499, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania;

H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District, with an amendment;

S. 2048, to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2069, to permit the conveyance of certain land in Powell, Wyoming;

S. 2300, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State;

H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility, with amendments;

H.R. 468, to establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area, with an amendment;

S. 1972, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park, with an amendment;

S. 1643, to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa, with an amendment;

S. 2051, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2279, to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, with an amendment; and

S. 134, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area, with an amendment.

GASOLINE SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine American gasoline supply and price issues, focusing on crude oil prices, low oil, gas and gasoline inventories, reformulated gasoline required under the Clean Air Act and transportation and supply problems, after receiving testimony from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; John Cook, Director Petroleum Division, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Richard G. Parker, Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission; Lawrence Kumins, Specialist in Energy Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, Bob Slaughter, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, and W.H. Eric Vaughn, Renewable Fuels Association, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 2294, to establish the Rosie the Riveter—World War II Home Front National Historical Park in the State of California, S. 2331, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort

Sumter National Monument, South Carolina, S. 2598, to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and S. Con. Res. 106 recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage, after receiving testimony from Senators Grams and Hollings; Representative George Miller; Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Sara J. Bloomfield, Director, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; George E. Campsen, Jr., Charleston, South Carolina, and Peter Dickson, Potter and Dickson, Princeton, New Jersey, both on behalf of Fort Sumter Tours, Inc.; and Thomas K. Butt, Richmond City Council, and Ludie Mitchell, both of Richmond, California.

POSTMASTER GENERAL REPORT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the annual report of the Postmaster General on the performance of the United States Postal Service and the challenges it is facing in the modern communications marketplace, after receiving testimony from William J. Hender-

son, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service.

ERGONOMICS STANDARDS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training concluded hearings to examine the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's proposed ergonomics program and its possible impact on Medicaid, Medicare, and other health care costs, after receiving testimony from Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health; Rachael Weinstein, Clinical Standards Group Director, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Charles H. Roadman, II, Washington, D.C., and Steve Monroe, Poplar Living Center, Casper, Wyoming, both on behalf of the American Health Care Association; and Karen A. Worthington, American Nurses Association, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4843–4862; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104; H. Con. Res. 371, and H. Res. 551–552 were introduced.

Pages H6051–52

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 4210, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for improved Federal efforts to prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks, amended (H. Rept. 106–731);

H. Res. 550, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 106–732); and

H.R. 3485, to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgments, amended (H. Rept. 106–733).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5961**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Peter M. Colapietro of New York City.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 4811, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a yeas and nays vote of 239 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 400.

Pages H5961–H6025

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment to increase the African Development Fund by \$ 5 million and decrease the Asian Development Fund accordingly.

Page H6024

Agreed to:

Waters amendment No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record that increases funding for the Heavily Indebted Poor Country (HIPC) Trust Fund by \$155.6 million with offsets of \$82.5 million from

Export-Import Bank direct loan programs, \$7 million from Export-Import Bank administrative expenses, \$5.3 million from international military education and training programs, and \$200 million from the foreign military financing programs including grants for Israel and Egypt, debated on July 12 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 397); **Pages H5994–95**

Bereuter amendment that limits the assumption by the United States Government of liability for nuclear accidents in North Korea (agreed to by a recorded vote of 298 ayes to 125 noes, Roll No. 399); **Pages H6004–06, H6020–21**

Brown of Ohio amendment No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record that prohibits any funds to be used in contravention of section 307 of the Tariff Act; concerning the prohibition against imports made by forced labor; and **Page H6015**

Trafficant amendment No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record that prohibits the use of any funding in contravention of the "Buy American Act."

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Rejected:

Lee amendment that sought to increase funding for child survival and disease programs related to HIV/AIDS by \$42 million and decrease foreign military financing program grants accordingly, debated on July 12 (a recorded vote of 267 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 398); **Pages H5995–96**

Conyers amendment No. 38 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike Sec. 558, Assistance for Haiti from the bill; **Pages H5975–77**

Greenwood amendment No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike Sec. 587, Authorization for Population Planning (rejected by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 396); **Pages H5983–94**

Kucinich amendment No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit any funding to be made available for the Kosovo Protection Corps; and **Pages H6002–04**

Trafficant amendment No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit any funding to be made available to the Palestine Authority. **Pages H6009–11, H6016**

Point of Order Sustained Against:

Filner amendment No. 39 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to make available \$3.5 million to the Kurdish Human Rights Watch for the Kurdistan region of Iraq; **Pages H5962–63**

Jackson of Illinois amendment No. 43 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for the African Development Bank by \$3 million and increase the limitation on callable capital subscriptions; **Pages H5967–68**

Payne amendment that sought to prohibit assistance to any country that is not in compliance with U.N. sanctions against Angola; **Pages H5971–72**

Language on page 80, lines 22–24 dealing with earmarks or minimum funding requirements; **Pages H5973–74**

Sec. 585, Working Capital Fund; **Pages H5981–82**

Nadler amendment No. 51 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to include a new section of the bill dealing with "so-called honor crimes"; **Pages H5997–98**

Jackson-Lee amendment No. 46 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit any funding to governments that conscript children under the age of 18 into the military forces or provide for the participation of children in armed conflict; **Pages H5999–H6002**

Payne amendment No. 57 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to provide \$15 million in assistance for the National Democratic Alliance of Sudan; and **Pages H6006–07**

Paul amendment No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit the use of funding for abortion, family planning, or population control efforts. **Pages H6007–09**

Withdrawn:

Payne amendment No. 56 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and withdrawn that sought to restrict assistance to governments destabilizing Angola; **Pages H5980–81**

Burton amendment No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and withdrawn that sought to limit assistance to India to \$35 million; and **Pages H6011–15**

Kaptur amendment No. 48 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and withdrawn that sought to limit assistance to the Government of Ukraine. **Pages H6016–18**

Agreed to H. Res. 546, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 12.

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of July 17. **Page H6025**

Meeting Hour—Monday, July 17: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Monday, July 17 for morning-hour debates. **Page H6025**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 19. **Page H6026**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5994, H5995, H5995–96, H6020–21, and H6024–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BANNING METHYL BROMIDE— AGRICULTURAL CONSEQUENCES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review the agricultural consequences of banning methyl bromide. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

TERRORISM AND THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on terrorism and threats to U.S. interests in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM—DOD MANAGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Department of Defense management of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy de Leon, Deputy Secretary; Gen. Tommy R. Franks, Jr., USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; Rear Adm. J. Jarrett Clinton, USN, First Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Maj. Gen. Randall L. West, USMC, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary, Chemical and Biological Protection; Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Chemical and Biological Defense; and April G. Stephenson, Chief, Policy Program Division; Defense Contract Audit Agency; Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologic Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4807, Ryan White CARE Act Amendments of 2000.

CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 4012, Construction Quality Assurance Act of 2000. Testimony was

heard from David Drabkin, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA; and public witnesses.

FAIRNESS AND VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 534, Fairness and Voluntary Arbitration Act.

OVERSIGHT—GENE PATENTS AND OTHER GENOMIC INVENTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Gene Patents and Other Genomic Inventions. Testimony was heard from Todd Dickinson, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4423, Probation Officers' Protection Act of 2000; and H.R. 3484, Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Connecticut; Emmet G. Sullivan, U.S. District Judge, District of Columbia, member, Committee on Criminal Law, Judicial Conference of the United States; David R. Knowlton, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigation Division, FBI, Department of Justice; John Varrone, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Robert Ryan, Chief Probation Officer, U.S. District of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Marshals Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice: John W. Marshall, Director; Donald S. Donovan, Acting Assistant Director, Judicial Security Division; Robert J. Finan, II, Assistant Director, Investigative Services Division; Kenneth L. Pekarek, Acting Assistant Director, Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System; and George K. McKinney, U.S. Marshal, District of Maryland.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2752, Lincoln County Land Act of 1999; H.R. 4312, Upper Housatonic National

Heritage Area Study Act of 2000; H.R. 4613, National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000; and H.R. 4721, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States. Testimony was heard from Representative Johnson of Connecticut; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Pete Culp, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management; and Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service; Kevin J. Phillips, Mayor, Caliente, Nevada; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI program. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

WAIVING SAME DAY CONSIDERATION—SENATE AMENDMENTS—MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on the legislative day of July 17, 2000, providing for consideration or disposition of any Senate amendments to H.R. 4810, the Marriage Penalty Tax Elimination Reconciliation Act of 2000.

EPA—STRENGTHENING SCIENCE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Strengthening Science at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-National Research Council Findings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MORELLA COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing to review the Morella Commission Report: Recommendations to Attract Women and Minorities Into Science, Engineering and Technology. Testimony was heard from Col. Eileen Collins, Astronaut, Commander STS-93, NASA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL PARKS—BANNING SNOWMOBILES—IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on the impact of banning snowmobiles inside National Parks on small business. Testimony was heard from Senator Thomas; Representatives Stupak and Peterson of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits concluded hearings on the following bills: H.R. 4765, 21st Century Veterans Employment and Training Act; and H.R. 3256, Veterans' Right to Know Act. Testimony was heard from representatives of veterans' organizations; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4843, Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act of 2000.

The Committee also adversely reported H.J. Res. 103, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Challenges Facing Social Security Disability Programs in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; Donald Lollar, Chief, Disability and Health Branch, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

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No meetings/hearings scheduled.

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No committee meetings are scheduled.

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Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act, with votes on certain pending amendments to occur thereon; following passage of H.R. 8, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4810, Reconciliation bill.

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